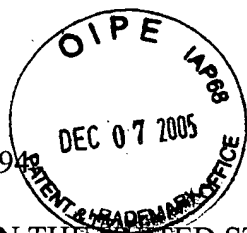


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YUICHI HOSODA)
Application No.: 09/739,373)
Filed: December 19, 2000)
For: DATA PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND IMAGE)
RECORDING APPARATUS,)
METHOD FOR)
CONTROLLING DATA)
PROCESSING APPARATUS)
AND METHOD FOR)
CONTROLLING IMAGE)
RECORDING APPARATUS,)
AND STORAGE MEDIUM)

Examiner: T. Pham
Group Art Unit: 2624
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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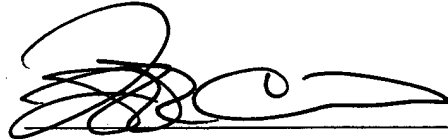
In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated November 9, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects Group III, namely, original Claims 26 to 29, 33 and 34. This election is made without traverse.

Enclosed herewith is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in which Claim 12 has been amended to depend from Claim 26, Claim 22 has been amended to depend from Claim 33 and Claim 25 has been amended to depend from Claim 34.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 12 to 19, 22 and 25 also belong to Group III and respectfully requests further consideration of these claims.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', written over a horizontal line.

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